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fibers and optical fiber array
fabricated by use of the
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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

Sir:

This communication is submitted in response to the office action mailed December 6, 2004
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